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gradually in the direction from the top layer to the bottom layer. The present invention is hereinafter described in detail.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8 and 9 as follows:

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8. (Amended) A sliding bearing according to any one of claims 1 through 6, wherein said upper layer consists of two or more sub-layers having different MoS<sub>2</sub> content, the MoS<sub>2</sub> content of the upper sub-layer is more than the MoS<sub>2</sub> content of the lower sub-layer.

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9. (Amended) A sliding bearing according to any one of claims 1 through 6, wherein said lower layer consists of two or more sub-layers having different additive amount.

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